

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/743,179

Applicant(s)

YU ET AL.

Examiner

Matthew J. Daniels

Art Unit

1732

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Matthew J. Daniels.

(3) Nick Brentlinger.

(2) Joel Armstrong (36430).

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 08 June 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 16.

Identification of prior art discussed: Taniishi, Foltz.

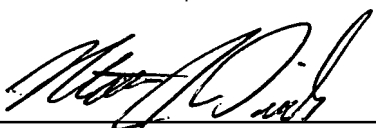
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants' counsel suggested a proposed amendment that would recite maintaining transverse tension throughout the process. The Examiner suggested that the amendment appeared to be directed at the operation of the secondary reference, and does not appear to overcome the rejection. Applicants' counsel also argued that there is no motivation for the combination of Taniishi and Foltz because the wrinkles of Taniishi occur inside the device during its operation, and the wrinkles of Foltz are present during the manufacturing, and further that the wrinkles of the two references are of a different size or type. The Examiner stated that Taniishi's teaching that wrinkles in the material are a known problem still provides valid motivation for the combination in order to avoid annealing in wrinkles in the belt. The Examiner asserted that evidence of the differences in the wrinkles and unexpected results may help distinguish the claimed invention.